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Re application: ELECTRONIC BALLAST CATHODE HEATING CIRCUIT

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant provides instant Amendment in response to Office  
Action dated 06/10/91.

REMARKS

Examiner rejected claims 1, 8-12, 19-21 and 24 under 35  
USC 102b as being clearly anticipated by Pitel '711.

Applicant accepts these rejections with respect to claims  
1, 8-9 and 19-21 and 24, but traverses with respect to claims  
10-12 for the following reasons.

(a) Exemplary claim 11 includes in combination:

"inverter means ... operative to provide an AC  
voltage"; and

"an LC circuit ... tuned to natural resonance at a  
frequency lower than the fundamental frequency of the AC  
voltage". (Emphasis added)

This feature is neither described nor suggested by or  
in Pitel.

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